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For : HEAT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR COOLING A LOADING CHAMBER

FOURTH DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the attached Japanese Office Action dated November 1, 2005.

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A Notice of Allowance on the merits has issued for this application. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants attach a check for \$180.00 in payment of the requisite fee (37 CFR §1.17(p)). It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

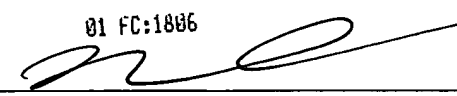
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